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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I ask whether the President, District Board of South Kanara, did not say that overhauling the Bantwal-Charmadi road was a very urgent necessity?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"The President, District Board, South Kanara, submitted his estimate but it was too late when it was received and it was impossible to include that item in 1928–29 budget. The President has again been asked to submit his proposal and it will be included in 1929–30 budget."

Medical

Working hours of the General Hospital, Madras.

* 44 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have obtained the information called for with reference to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 1842 answered on 30th March 1928, regarding the working hours of the General Hospital, Madras; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The information is laid on the table.[a]

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether all the hospitals excepting the General Hospital in the Madras City work from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"Yes."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I ask whether the hon. the Minister for Public Health thinks that the patients have rest in the General Hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"That is a matter which the hon. Member knows better than myself."

Public Health

Alleged scarcity of drinking water in North Arcot district.

* 45 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scarcity of even drinking water in many places in North Arcot district;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local boards and municipalities have been indifferent in the matter of rendering any help to the suffering people; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a special report on the present situation and sanction special urgent works wherever possible?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) The Government have called for a report in the matter.

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